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Mr. Brad Bradley
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RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Progress Report 58 (February 2004)

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As required by the Consent Decree for the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") with a progress report for operation and maintenance activities that were performed during February 2004.

1. **Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:**

- On February 2, 2004, the Group's project coordinator issued a memorandum to advise EPA's project manager that: (1) ENTACT had received demolition permits from the city for the structures on the former BV&G Trucking property; and (2) pending final utility clearances and weather, ENTACT planned to mobilize to the site to repair the security fence at the industrial site and demolish the structures on the former BV&G Trucking property.
- On February 2, 2004, the Group's project coordinator and EPA's project manager discussed EPA's schedule and plans for issuing the five-year review report.
- On February 6, 2004, the Group's project coordinator issued a progress report to EPA.



- On or about February 10, 2004, ENTACT mobilized to the former BV&G Trucking property to initiate building demolition activities at the site. ENTACT demolished the small building on the property, disposed of demolition debris off-site, and initiated work related to the larger building at the property. Illinois Power was contacted and is scheduled in March 2004 to retire a gas meter that services the larger building at the property.
- During February 2004, the Group continued to prepare for a conference call with EPA related to EPA's comments on the Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Work Plan.

2. **Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- As previously reported, the Group has authorized ENTACT to perform maintenance activities at the site to address the items outlined in ENTACT's June 24, 2003 inspection report. As noted above, ENTACT mobilized to the site in February and completed demolition of the small building on the former BV&G Trucking property. ENTACT will complete demolition of the larger building on the property as soon as Illinois Power retires the gas meter. Repairs to the security fence are also scheduled to be completed in March 2004.
- The Group anticipates that a conference call will be conducted with EPA to discuss EPA's draft comments on the SEP Work Plan.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

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6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- As noted above, ENTACT demolished the small building on the former BV&G Trucking property. ENTACT will complete demolition of the larger building on the former BV&G Trucking property as soon as Illinois Power retires the gas meter on the property.

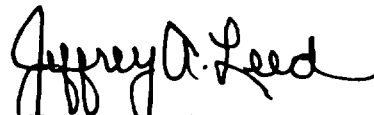
7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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